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General Mills Vapor Study: new map and office hours

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Thank you for subscribing to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's General Mills vapor study electronic bulletin.

New building mitigation status map:

Under the regulatory oversight of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), General Mills has collected soil gas samples in the Como neighborhood in southeast Minneapolis to define the extent of trichloroethylene (TCE) vapor contamination underground. Soil gas data collected under homes was primarily conveyed through the "red/green/yellow" map. As we have stated throughout this process, the data is vital for project planning and decision making. Based on the data collected thus far, the MPCA has directed General Mills to:

- Offer mitigation systems to homes, in a newly defined mitigation area. The mitigation area includes properties that tested above 20 µg/m³ for TCE and have already had a mitigation system installed as well as properties that tested below 20 µg/m³ and were more or less

surrounded by homes that had been mitigated.

- Submit a plan to install a long-term soil gas monitoring network on the edge of the mitigation area. The soil gas monitoring network will ensure that homes near the mitigation area remain protected.

This information is presented in a new map that is updated every two weeks and posted to the MPCA website at www.pca.state.mn.us/ax83hvk. The red/green/yellow map will be phased out at this time.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ed Olson at 651-757-2627 or edward.olson@state.mn.us.

General Mills vapor study community office hours:

April 29 & May 27, 4-6 p.m.

Van Cleve Recreation Center (901 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis)

This type of outreach is targeted for one-on-one communication with residents and property owners. Representatives from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Health, Barr Engineering, and General Mills will be available to answer any questions, address concerns, and make the sampling and mitigation access agreements available to review and sign. The format will be like an open house - attendees may come at any point during 4-6 p.m.

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